Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Since it is only just a month when the vacancy will fall, how is it that the Government have not decided about the person?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special reason. They have not yet decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any truth in the impression that is abroad that the present incumbent will be kept in office even after Meenam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot answer that. They have already answered the first part of the question.

Appointment—Diwan Peishkar's Post.

223. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Govenment be pleased to state whether they have decided or proposed to appoint Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the Special Officer, as Diwan Peishkar when the permanent Diwan Peishkar retires?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Please see answer to question No. 222.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The question is, whether they have decided or do they propose. The second part has not been answered. May I know whether they propose to appoint that gentleman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been answered that Government have not decided the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government considered the names of persons to be appointed to that post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government are considering this question.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—What are the qualifications that Government expect of a person to fill up the vacancy of the Diwan Peishkar's post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The qualifications must be, a high order of general knowledge and particularly a detailed knowledge of the Revenue Department and a fairly good working acquitances with survey principles. These three must be the main considerations.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there applications from any Government Officer for this post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There need not be applications from people in service.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there applicants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Is old age one of the considerations?

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Dr. A. G. Menon.—Has the Government any idea to import any one from British Malabar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not yet decided this question at all.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Have they any idea to import any one?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not decided as to how it should be.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Have they begun to consider?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have been considering.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do they keep a list of persons ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no such list before the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—May I know how long will the process of consideration last ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I cannot give a a definite information.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the matter that the Government have considered ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have considered the desirability of selecting a person.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Are there not people duly qualified in the Land Revenue Department ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is one of the questions that will be considered when the question is decided.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is the work of the acting incumbent satisfactory ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Quite satisfactory.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When did they begin consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't know the exact date.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—When there is an acting hand whose work is fairly satisfactory, where is the necessity to further consider this ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question will have to be considered because the acting hand may have to retire once.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—May I know whether the extension of the present incumbent is also under consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not before the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it a fact that the Government have decided that in the near future no members from the already favoured community will be appointed to any of the major offices of the State.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not any such rule in their C. S. R. or their Standing Orders.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In view of the consideration that the Government are making, have not they got a few names for making the consideration ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not got any exact list before them.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Have not they got a few names?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They may have several names before them.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the new man to be appointed after the retirement of the present incumbent or the acting officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The acting man will have a preference, in the natural course.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is it in consonance with official decorum to divulge all these things ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly not.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government take a natural course or an unnatural course in this matter ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Of course they take the natural course.

Charity Wakfs.

224. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the information the Member for Revenue promised to submit to the House in one of its recent sittings, regarding the working of Charity Wakfs in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) A list of charity wakfs in the State is appended. (*Appendix III*).

(2) These charities are set apart by the individuals and managed by themselves during their life time and by their sons or other heirs after their death. The income derived from these institutions is utilised for giving charity in the form of doles of rice, money and clothes every Saturday and during Ramzan days.

(3) No complaints have been received so far about their administration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have you inquired whether the income from the amounts are fully utilised for charity to the poor ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not made any specific enquiry since no complaints have been received.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that in many parts of India Governments have launched upon specific legislative acts to regulate the working of such wakfs?

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